മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: അതു് റോഡുബോർഡിൽനിന്ന തീച്ചയാക്കേണ്ട കാര്യമാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: പുതിയ റോഡുബോർഡിൽ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരനിന്ന എത്രപേരുണ്ടു്; ആദ്യത്തെ റോഡുബോർഡിൽ എത്രപേരുണ്ടായിരുന്ന.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഡി. ആർ. ഇയ്യണ്ണി: നമ്പൂ ന, ഒ, വ, ൻ, ഫ ഠ ഇതെല്ലാം നെല്ലായി മെമ്പരുടെ കോൺസ്റ്റിറ്റുവെൻസിയിൽപെട്ടതല്ലേ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I must refresh my memory about the jurisdiction of the Nellayi member.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യണ്ണി: ന-ം, ഒ-ം, വ-ം ൻ-ം അതിൽപെട്ടതല്ലേ;

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: അങ്ങിനെനോക്കി റോഡുണ്ടാക്കാറില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ആകെയുള്ള ഇ ലക്ഷം ഉറപ്പികയിൽ നെല്ലായി കോൺസ്റ്റിറ്റുവെൻസിയിൽ എത്ര ഉറപ്പിക റോഡുബോർഡിൽനിന്നും ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I want notice.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Sir, the complaint is that one constituency alone is benefitted.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Because he was vigilant.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Sir, Item No. 8, extending Kodakara-Velikulangara road, this work was pending for a long time now. When does the Government expect to complete this work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief-Engineer)*: The work is almost completed now.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE—PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT

379. Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what are the duties of the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police;

(*b*) what is the salary and allowance, if any, paid to the present incumbent to that post;

(*c*) are there in the Police Department persons senior to him in service;

(*d*) if so, what are the reasons for preferring him to the place for which he has been promoted?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police)*: (*a*) Please see Judicial Department Notification No. 76, published in Gazette, dated 17th Kumbham 1117 (28th February 1942).

(*b*) Rs. 175 per mensem.

(*c*) & (*d*) Yes. There is only one officer senior to him *i.e.*, Mr. A. V. Krishna Ayyar, the permanent manager of the Police Head Office. As he was and is still on other duty as Sub-Magistrate and as Mr. Sreenivasa Ayyar has experience both as Prosecuting Inspector and a field officer in charge of a station, he was selected.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Sir, Now that a new Deputy Commissioner of Police has been appointed, does the Government intend to continue the office of the Assistant to the Police Commissioner?

Mr. President: The question is being considered.

FEES FROM WELL-TO-DO PATIENTS—AMOUNT COLLECTED

380. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount collected for the first half of the year 1117 as fees from well-to-do patients according to the rules prescribed in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, in the Hospital at Palluruthi and in the Civil Hospital;

(*b*) the number of patients who ought to have been charged but who could not be charged because of the exemption clause and what would be the amount if fees were collected?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) General Hospital, Ernakulam .. Rs. 360—14—0
Maharaja's Hospital, Palluruthy .. Rs. 129— 0—0
Civil Hospital, Trichur .. Rs. 114— 8—0

(*b*) One. A sum of Rs. 75 more could have been collected in the General Hospital if there had been no exemption.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, what is this exemption clause? Is it only applicable to the members of the Ruling Family?

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Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It is orderd that the members of the Ruling Family as well as the children of the Ruling Family should be given exemption.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* In the answer it is said that a sum of Rs. 75 more could have been collected, had there been no exemption. May I know how many were exempted?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Only one instance.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is it in the case of the children of the Ruling Family or the members of the Ruling Family that the exemption is given?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Both.

DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THE PAY-WARDS—REASONS FOR

381. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state why there was a substantial decrease in the number of patients admitted in the pay-wards from 241 in 1115 to 168 in the year 1116?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No definite reason can be given for the decrease in the number of patients admitted in 1116. Possibly it may be due to the fall in the incidence of disease among the class of people who resort to pay-wards and to the general economic depression.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether it may be due to other reasons also?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I don't understand the Hon'ble member.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is it because the doctors there are incompetent to deal with such cases?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I do not think so—it is an unwarranted statement.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Many people are going to Madras now. Why can't they have the best doctors at Ernakulam and Trichur?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* They were going to Madras even before.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the fall in the attendance of patients due to the increased rate of charges in the paywards?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* There is a substantial disparity in the figures given here. It has fallen from 241 to 168 in 1116.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Of course, there has been a fall. It so happened last year that the number of cases fell down in the General Hospital.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* And you did not encourage deserving doctors too. So, they left the State service to places elsewhere. Dr. Sankarambal was a deserving doctor. You could not encourage her and she left us.

OPERATIONS DONE IN THE TRICHUR CIVIL HOSPITAL, THE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND THE MAHARAJA'S HOSPITAL, PALLURUTHI

382. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state why there is an apparently larger number of operations done in the Trichur Civil Hospital when compared with those done in the General Hospitel and in the Maharaja's Hospital, Palluruthi, the operations in Trichur being 4,571 as against 917 and 573 in the General Hospital and Maharaja's Hospital respectively?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The increase in the number of operations done in the Trichur Civil Hospital when compared with those done in the General Hospital and in the Maharaja's Hospital is because the number "4571" includes both major and minor operations. Only 472 major operations were performed in the Civil Hospital in 1116. The figures 917 and 573 represent the major operations performed in the General Hospital and Maharaja's Hospital respectively.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Hon'ble member in charge of medicine say that hereafter this sort of confusing statements will not appear?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* He will certainly see to it.

VOLUNTEER CORPS—STARTING OF

383. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Do Government encourage starting of volunteer corps in various parts of the State with a view to safeguard people from looting and other internal disorders?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Government have not encouraged the starting of such volunteer corps in the State.

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